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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:
WENYUAN SHI, ET AL.

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For: FUSION PROTEINS FOR
TARGETED DELIVERY OF
ANTIMICROBIAL PEPTIDES

Group Art Unit:

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Los Angeles, California
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 714.09 and prior to the examination of the above captioned United States patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification: at line 16, after "continuation-in-part" insert United States serial number 60/102,179.

The priority claim requested in Applicants' Preliminary Amendment dated October 3, 2001 claimed the benefit of the filing date of the '857 patent, which itself claimed the benefit of an earlier filed provisional application, United States serial number 60/102,179. Applicants request further amendment of the application to make clear that the present application is entitled to the filing date of the provisional application.

While no fee is believed due for the requested amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 131,241 for the entire pendency of this application. 37 C.F.R. 1.25(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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